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- 4) An English Abstract or English Translation of reference AF3 is not readily available. The reference is cited for what is shown in the drawings. Also, the reference was cited for obviousness in a foreign counterpart application of US application 10/017,977, which is related to the present application.
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